[*English*]

Bi-Lingual Computer Processing Facility in Indian Missions

6715. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Indian missions abroad have bi-lingual computer processing facility; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal to start any time-bound programme to provide bi-lingual computing facility and training in Indian missions abroad; and

(c) whether there are adequate computing facilites and technical manpower support to ensure full bi lingual computerisation and development of advanced technology and strategic information Data base to provide right kind of information to right kind of agencies in India without loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c), The requisite facilites and training are being provided in a phased manner and on a case by case basis keeping in view all aspects of Government's need for relevant information in a timely fashion.

[*Translation*]

T.V. Serial 'Krishna'

6716. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether approval to make serial 'Krishna' for Doordarshan has been sought by any producer;

(b) if so, the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). Doordarshan has received a proposal for a T.V. Serial titled "Krishna" for approval under its new sponsorship scheme. Doordarshan has initiated the examination of the proposals received under this scheme.

[*English*]

Application Of Science And Technology For Poor

6717. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) the application of science and technology in relation to improvement of quality of life of people living below the poverty line;

(b) whether any practical application have been attempted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with th results of such applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) In order to demonstrate the efficacy of science & technology inputs to bring about improvement in the quality of life of the rural masses, Government have launched projects with the objectives of generating employment, achieving enhanced income and bringing about reduction of drudgery.

(b) Many of programmes have found successful practical application in rural and tribal areas.

(c) Some of the successful practical applications are in the fields of aquaculture, forestry, embryo transfer technology, biofertilizers, manpower development and training programmes, rural electronics employment programmes, remote sensing, integrated resource planning, non-conventional energy (biogas, gassifiers, solar cookers etc.) sericulture, low cost housing, pottery, medicinal plants, land and water management, mass employment generation, science & technology entrepreneur ship development and integrated waste management.

Typical of the results are:

i) Training of 500 fisherman in fish aggregation devices in four states during 1990-91.

ii) Training of 900 leather artisans in ten states during last two years.

iii) Generation of 2,762 jobs in a variety of trades all over India under the programme of mass employment generation through science & technology during last one year.

iv) Generation of 2,235 jobs by establishment of 324 units under Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Scheme from 1985-86 till date.

v) Training of 500 fisherman in seed raising under the programme of acquaculture in four states during 1990-91.

vi) Wasteland prioritisation in Brahmaputra and other basins.

vii) Mulberry crop inventory.

viii) National Forest Cover Mapping.

ix) All India Coordinated programme in Water, Health and Sanitation.

National Cooperative Consumer Federation

6718. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the number of branches of the National Cooperative Consumer Federation located in different States;

(b) the main objectives thereof;

(c) whether the branches of National Co-operative Consumer Federation are not functioning satisfactorily;

(d) if so, the steps taken to revamp the branches of N.C.C.F.; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Presently the National Cooperative Consumer Federation (N.C.C.F.) has branches (Including processing units) located in Different parts of the country.

(b) The main objective of these branches is to provide supply support to its affiliates so as to enable them to play an effective role in the distributive trade of consumer goods.

(c) Functioning of most of the branches of the National Cooperative Consumer Federation is not satisfactory for a variety of reasons.

(d) and (e). The National Cooperative Consumers Federation has initiated a